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On 5/31, in the absence of the Foreign Minister, the Ambassador spoke with Acting FM Emilio Gimenez. Drawing from reftel points, he stressed the importance the U.S. attached to Paraguay's issuing a statement in support of the U.S. initiative on Iran. Gimenez informed the Ambassador that FM Rachid was returning to Paraguay this evening and that he would discuss this matter with her immediately. FM Rachid would consult with President Duarte this evening (5/31). Gimenez expected Paraguay would not/not issue a statement this evening (5/31) but committed to getting back to us early tomorrow (6/1) with Paraguay's response.  
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